

October 14, 2002

Ms. Joanne Bissetta
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
9th Floor
One Winter Street
Boston, MA 02118

Dear Ms. Bissetta:

This letter is to inform you of our plans with respect to the Material Separation Plan for the Diversion of Mercury (MSP2) for the Wheelabrator Millbury facility with respect to fluorescent lamps. In its approval of MSP2 for the Millbury facility, the Department requested that we consider efforts to encourage fluorescent lamp recycling in our Contract Communities. We have decided to offer to reimburse those Contract Communities that recycle their lamps, up to a fixed amount of money per community. The amount of the reimbursement will be based upon the population of the Community (see attached table), and will be payable after the Community submits to us a copy of a paid invoice for lamp recycling.

We decided to offer a reimbursement based on a paid invoice rather than a direct payment of an invoice from the recycler to avoid the situations wherein a Community's invoice might be more than the allocated amount and there would have to be split invoices. Such an arrangement would cause confusion and lead to even more administrative costs, detracting from our efforts to be as cost-effective as possible.

In addition, Mr. Pat Scanlon will distribute, to his contact person in each of the Contract Communities, the Department's information sheet on fluorescent lamp recycling as requested by the Department in the MSP2 approval letter.

I would also like to inform you that we have decided to develop and distribute, as part of our Local Outreach portion of MSP2, a display board concerning mercury and mercury collection activities. Each of the Contract Communities will be given at least one display board. In addition to photos of typical mercury containing products, the board will have a space where the Community can place information concerning mercury collection activities, i.e., location, times, etc. We distributed a similar display board to hospitals during our North Andover Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) and it was very well received. The hospitals found it to be very useful in educating staff and visitors about mercury.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact me (603-929-3305).

Sincerely,

Francis A. Ferraro

cc: Fred Confalone
Steve Sibinich
Bruce Manning
Pat Scanlon

Material Separation Plan 2
Mercury Recovery Program
Fluorescent Bulb Recycling Rebate Allocations
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Maximum annual allowances for reimbursements for the collection and recycling of mercury containing fluorescent bulbs are shown below. Towns that recycle fluorescent bulbs will be eligible for a reimbursement up to the amount shown upon submittal of a paid invoice by the Town. The rebate is allocated based on the population of each city or town.

<u>Population</u>	<u>Rebate (max.)</u>
< 5000	\$ 200.00
5,000 – 18,999	\$ 300.00
19,000 – 48,999	\$ 500.00
49,000 – 100,000	\$1,000.00
> 100,000	\$1,500.00